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Isabel Wilkerson to Discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* at the Library of Virginia on February 4

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On February 4, 2011, at 6:00 PM at the Library of Virginia, Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson will discuss and sign *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, her moving masterwork chronicling the decades-long migration of black people from the South to the northern and western cities of the United States. From 1915 until 1970 almost six million black people fled the South looking for better life. Wilkerson uses the lives of three unique individuals to tell this story. She interviewed more than a thousand people and researched official records to write this dramatic account of how these journeys changed people and America.

Isabel Wilkerson won the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing as Chicago bureau chief of the *New York Times*, the first black woman to win the prize in journalism and the first African American to win for individual reporting. She has also won the George Polk Award and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship. She is currently professor of journalism and director of narrative nonfiction at Boston University. During the Great Migration, her parents journeyed from Georgia and southern Virginia to Washington, D.C., where she was born and reared.

The Library of Virginia is located at 800 East Broad Street in historic downtown Richmond. There is free parking for this event in the Library's underground parking lot, which is accessible from either Eighth or Ninth streets.

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